

# Assessment District to Finance Parking Lots Gains Favor



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## Hospital to Train Medical Students

Dr. Harold Mazur, medical director of Harbor Hospital in Torrance, yesterday in an exclusive interview, informed the Torrance Press that UCLA plans to send medical students to Harbor Hospital for practical training in the near future.

Mazur's revelation was confirmed by Dr. Stafford Warren, head of the Medical School at UCLA.

"The first medical class at UCLA has 25 students," said Warren. "We plan to use Sawtelle, North Long Beach and Torrance Harbor Hospital for training those students in practical anatomy."

Neither Mazur or Warren were willing to approximate the exact date when the first students would arrive.

Both medical men said that if Harbor Hospital is used, it will be necessary to place small laboratories in key wards. This will give students a chance to perform urine analysis, blood counts and stool examinations under supervision.

It was pointed out that at present there is only one central laboratory, and this is not adequate for training students.

Warren said that he was pleased to work with Dr. Mazur and medical directors in other hospitals. He pointed out that students can be of great help to the regular hospital staff.

"As I see it," said Dr. Warren, "the student could be the balance wheel at Harbor Hospital as well as at others."

He envisioned that a student would have four patients under him. An interne would be over (Continued on Page Three)

## Medical Dean



STAFFORD WARREN

## Kick-Off Workers Wanted

Community Chest's one-day fund collecting kick-off takes place next Monday. Plenty of volunteers are needed, according to Mrs. B. T. Whitney, residential chairman.

Volunteers should go to Community Chest Headquarters at Sartori and Post.

Collections will be made on all levels—including small business and residential contributions.

All volunteer residential workers will be treated to a coffee and doughnut breakfast at 9:30 a.m. on Monday with the YWCA membership serving as hostesses at the YWCA headquarters.

A television show over channel KNXT has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. It is being sponsored by Frank's Furniture Store. Firms which donated food for the breakfast include the following: The A. & P. Store gave the coffee; the Mayfair Creamery, the cream; and George's Meat 'N Place, the doughnuts.

## Keystone Boy Wins Camp Trip

Nine-year-old Jack Carsten Jr., of 21224 Shearer Ave. in Keystone, won the Hi-Neighbor YMCA breakfast ticket selling contest held in Wilmington last Saturday.

He sold 71 fifty cent tickets. He competed against thousands of children in the area.

For his efforts, young Carsten received a five day camping trip. He will be a guest of the Hollywood YMCA Nov. 1, and has been invited to attend the California-UCLA football game.

"I really envy my boy," said Jack Carsten Sr. "Too bad, I can't take his place at the game."

## Parking Answers Sought

A possible solution to Torrance's parking problems was brought forth at the recent annual meeting of the League of California Cities in San Francisco.

Councilman Nick Drale who attended the meeting of the League Parking conference, pointed out that most of the councilmen from various cities present were in favor of parking assessment districts.

Under this system, a business area can petition a city to form an assessment district. Then the city buys the lots and levies a tax in the specific district to cover the cost.

"I'm in favor of the parking assessment district," businessman Sam Levy said this week. "It's a sensible solution. More parking means more business, and one doesn't get something for nothing. At the same time I feel that the city of Torrance should pay part of the cost. The city has a sales tax which has existed for the past five years."

"According to a gentleman's agreement, this sales tax should have lasted for a year. Since Torrance's sales tax revenue will increase with every additional dollar the merchants take in, I think it would not be unreasonable if the city paid 25% of the parking assessment district cost, and the businessmen paid the other 75%."



SAM LEVY

Charles T. Rippey, chairman of the Parking Authority, expressed opposition to the assessment district. "I feel that the most sensible solution is to form a private corporation through which merchants can buy parking lots," he said.

"The parking assessment district doesn't seem to be quite fair," he declared. "It would put the burden on the property owner. Under the corporation, it could be strictly a merchant proposition with the landowner participating if he desires."

"I've also suggested to City Manager George Stevens that Civil Defense Commissioner George Powell be put in charge of interviewing merchants regarding their attitude on parking meters. At my suggestion, the council repealed the parking ordinance until more time could be given toward studying the whole problem."

## Service Roster Grows

Even though the U. S. is officially at peace, the roster of men from Torrance's municipal government who have been in the Armed Forces since World War II continues to grow.

According to the records at City Hall, 14 men have either enlisted or been inducted from one of the many branches of city government. Five men have been discharged and are again working for the city. The other nine are still in the service.

The five who have been discharged include Eugene Kicklighter, bus driver; Robin Schrauben, park department; Robert C. Wright, police department; William Johnston and Edgar Polston, fire department.

The following nine men are still in the Armed Forces: Swayne Johnson and Myles H. Hamilton, police department; Carl J. Narborski, Glenn A. Price, Lawrence D. Schneider, Deporte J. Skidmore, and Walter West—all of the fire department. Gilbert Bennett from the street department and Frank H. Kandall from the bus department are also in the service.

## Furniture Store Announces Judges

Judges to select the local winner of the big Crosley "American Way" contest, this week were announced by Charles Markland, manager of McMahan's Furniture Store.

Judges will be Mrs. M. L. Owens, publisher of the Torrance Press; John Stroh, chief of police of the city of Torrance; and Grover Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald.

It will be up to the judges to pick the winning statement in fifty words or less on "What the 'American Way of Life' Means to Me."

McMahan's Furniture Store in Torrance has entry blanks which may be obtained without obligation.

First prize will be a \$300 Crosley merchandise certificate to the writer and \$100 in cash to the church or recognized charity of his or her choice.

# FOOD CLERKS STRIKE OVER 6-MONTHS CONTRACT LOOMS

Councilman Nick Drale Welcomes Lloyd Dennee



COUNCILMAN NICK DRALE in center shakes hands with Lloyd Dennee at right as he officially welcomes him to the City of Torrance in front of the City Hall doors. To the left, looking on for this special occasion is Jim Nicola, store manager for Dennee's new store located at 1875 Carson st. at the five point intersection in Torrance. Dennee is promising a sensational grand opening at his store in Torrance.

## Vote Monday to Decide New Issue

The 350 food clerks of the Harbor Area who belong to Retail Clerks Local No. 905, A. F. of L., will vote Monday night on whether or not they will strike over their demands for a six-months contract instead of the conventional 12-months contract. Negotiations between the Clerks union and the Harbor Area Employers' Council, representing the food employers of the area, for a contract to become effective Nov. 1, 1951, broke down Monday on that question alone.

The employers offered the maximum allowable increase under regulations of the Wage Stabilization Board, estimated to be about \$3.60 per week, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council.

Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the Union, said that he insists on reopening for wages on May 1, 1952. To this the Employers' Council committee refused to agree, and negotiations were terminated when the Union representatives walked out of the Employers' Council office here.

**OFFER MADE**

In letter signed by John T. Binkley, attorney for the Employers' Council, and Selover, the Employers told the Retail Clerks union that they will go as far as the law allows in wages, but on an annual agreement.

The letter reads: "On behalf of the Food Negotiating Committee of the Harbor Area Employers' Council, we submit herewith our offer for a settlement of the 1951-52 contract."

"We will agree to execute on behalf of our membership a one-year contract, the reopening date to be November 1, 1952, embodying all provisions now in effect together with a provision for an increase in wages effective next week, November 1, 1951, equal to the maximum allowable under the (Continued on Page Three)

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Bill Tolson, Board of Education member, was the real estate agent for the Weston Ranch, location of the new tract.

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## Owners Ask Gravel Pit Elimination

Homeowners in the Pacific Hills who among themselves collected \$200 toward the buying of street lights in the Waleria area, this week were dismayed to find that due to priorities the Edison Co. is unable to get the wire-tubing necessary to install the lights.

Mrs. Rosemary Yarbrough said that all money has been returned to the residents.

"If we can't have lights due to the shortage, there are many other problems the Hill residents have to face," she declared.

She pointed out that as yet, the gravel pit is still operating in Pacific Hills.

"We're trying hard to get rid of the various nuisances in the vicinity of our homes," she said. "If the war economy doesn't permit street lights, then we have to be realistic and make the best of it for the time being."

Pacific Homeowners Association assured the Press that residents of Pacific Hills would now concentrate their energies on getting rid of the gravel pit.

## Powell Returns From Federal Defense School

Assistant Civil Defense Director George Powell returned to Torrance this week after having attended a two week Federal Civil Defense school conducted by the Western Training Center at St. Mary's College in Pittsburgh, Calif.

Powell was one of two Southern California men at the school. He received a graduation certificate at the completion of the course.

Powell said that a Torrance Defense Council meeting is planned for next week, at which time he will present a program for (Continued on Page Three)

## Lawson's Jeweler's Drawing



A. ROBINSON of Lawson's Jeweler's, smilingly looks on as Mayor Bob Haggard draws the winning ticket for a 16 inch Emerson television set given away by Lawson's Jeweler's in celebration of their first anniversary. The lucky winner was G. A. Bruce of 1616 W. 236th Street, Torrance. The Lawson Jeweler drawing took place last Saturday night. Prior to the affair the Torrance Jeweler firm had given away free tickets merely for the asking. Hundreds of people were in attendance—all hoping to be lucky. Mayor Haggard handed the ticket to A. Robinson of the concern. Bruce is now the happy owner of a new television set.

## Police Exam For Capt. Not To Be Given

Examinations for file clerk, matron and police officers will be given for the Torrance Police Department by Civil Service Commission on Oct. 29, according to Chief of Police, John Stroh.

Stroh said that he didn't know when examinations were scheduled for lieutenant and assistant police chief. He pointed out that in the past the department has had three captains.

"We will eliminate two captains and in their place substitute the position of lieutenant and assistant chief," Stroh said.

A check with Walter Bradford, secretary of the Civil Service Commission, brought out the fact that it will be at least one month until the examination for assistant chief is given.

"As far as the lieutenant's position is concerned," declared Bradford, "we don't plan to give that until the men return from the service. Instead we will appoint a man in an acting capacity."

When a Press reporter pointed out that it might be many years before all the men are back from the service, Bradford replied: "That is right."

## BADGE GIVEN

Pvt. Stephen Wong of 18970 S. Arlington St., Torrance, with the first cavalry division in Korea, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, a symbol of close-quarter fighting with the enemy, while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea.

The badge, consisting of a miniature replica of a Revolutionary War flintlock mounted on a blue background and superimposed on a silver wreath, distinguishes the actual fighting man from rear area and service troops.

## Hurled 20 Feet

Riding a motorcycle on Lomita Blvd. east of Hawthorne in Torrance yesterday, Cecil Nickels of Los Angeles, was hurled almost 20 feet in the air when his two-wheeler hit a bump.

His aerial flight and its abrupt ending apparently caused only minor injuries.

## Citizens' Protests Ignored

Over the violent opposition of nearly one dozen protesting citizens, the planning commission, this Tuesday, voted unanimously to grant a zone variance for a medical center at 2524 Torrance boulevard.

Superintendent J. H. Hull said: "There's no question that the schools cannot continue the present pace of expansion without it. However, I think the board wants to wait until after the November enrollment before it definitely makes up its mind."

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Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Stock, of 1216 Date—next door to the proposed medical center—were also upset. Mrs. Stock spoke out: "I agree with the entrance of Torrance Blvd. Although I don't have any children, I'm worried about my neighbor's kids."

Mrs. Estelle Gunn, of 1318 Date, complained: "I have a nursery in my home. How can I (Continued from Page Three)

## Military Pay Bill Goes Into Effect

Torrance along with other California cities, will have to carry an added National Defense cost. It was disclosed today. From now on, employees of any public jurisdiction who have been employed for one year and either enlist or are drafted, will be entitled to 30 days pay from the public body during the first month of military service.

Governor Warren signed a bill on July 16 which added section 39502 under the military and veterans code. Since July 16, no men have entered the armed forces from Torrance, according to records at the City Hall.

## School Bond Issue Rumor Gain Continues

There seems to be more rumors in the air this week that the board of education in Torrance expects to spring a school bond issue soon.

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## Tartars Beat Leuzinger in Fog by 13-6

Coach Cliff Graybehl's Tartars edged out Leuzinger's Olympians 13 to 6 last week in a game that the audience couldn't see.

Fog had taken over Torrance. Leuzinger had already scored the first touchdown, but Tartar rooters didn't know it. They were yelling "hold that line."

Fullback Beryl Jones went through guard eight yards out on a line plunge for the first Torrance tally—making the score 7 to 6 in favor of Leuzinger.

Late in the fourth quarter, Harry Bayless, left half, ran fifty yards around left end to put the Tartars out in front.

"I'm well pleased with the team," said Graybehl. "Fog helped us considerably because Leuzinger was hampered in its passing offense."

Graybehl pointed out that the fog kept passing down under 30 yards while Leuzinger collected 10.

Torrance made seven first downs while Leuzinger collected 10.

The Tartars play Santa Monica this Saturday at Santa Monica.

## Local Boys to Star In Sunday Baseball Game at City Park

Torrance's local baseball club plays host to the 20-30 Club of Los Angeles, at 2 p. m. Sunday in the City Park, R. C. Jackson, manager of the Torrance-Lomita Merchants, announced today.

Jackson said the team consists of all local boys with the exception of Herman Bessie, a pitcher for the Angels. No admission will be charged at the game.

Local men who will participate are Don Hentzberger—third base; Bobby Hobbs—center field; Eddie Roberts—left field; Bill Johnson—second base; Hal Jackson—first base; Louie Berganice—short stop; Paul Pettit—right field; Jerry Jackson—center field; Herm Bessie, pitcher; Henderson—pitcher; Alex Polices—pitcher; and Joe Watters—pitcher.

## Former Engineer Sends Greetings

Councilman Nick Drale returned from the League of California Cities meetings full of enthusiasm.

"I saw Glenn Jain, former Torrance City Engineer," said Drale. "He asked me to remember him to his many friends in Torrance."

Drale revealed that Jain is now city engineer of Redwood City.



Children of the Perry School and their parent will play host this week to western entertainer, Montie Montana. He performs for the school Carnival tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. Montie Montana became a trick rider and roper before he was fifteen years old. At that time he made his first professional appearance. He has starred at every important rodeo within the borders of the United States, at the leading Canadian events, and in Hawaii. Because of the huge following he has among the youth of the country, Montie is conscious of his influence. He has therefore made a practice during his entire career NOT to carry a gun. He believes, and does all he can to spread his belief, that as much can be accomplished with a well-handled rope as any gunman can do with his favorite weapon.